

**STATE SENATE 25TH DISTRICT—
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE SEAN MICHELS**

Biography

P. Sean Michels, born October 23, 1963

State Senate, 25th District

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Education: Aurora University, MBA

Q 1. What do you think the state must do to resolve its financial crisis?

The state of Illinois must cut expenses, without raising taxes to resolve its financial crisis. You read in the newspaper nearly every day on how local Municipalities and Counties are cutting expenses, yet you do not hear any reports on the State cutting their expenses. More specifically, the state needs to work to reduce pension costs by changing the pension system from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan for new state employees.

Q 2. What do you think the state should do to develop jobs for its citizens?

Illinois must compare its fees to other states' to be competitive. Workman's compensation could make the biggest impact in the shortest amount of time, while effecting the fewest people. Illinois needs to overhaul the Workman's Compensation law to eliminate frivolous claims and to reduce the per employee premium. Illinois must also allow employees the right to vote to unionize in private, as opposed to having union votes via the card check system..

Q 3. What do you think the state should do to improve the financing of its school system?

We are funding schools in Illinois at a sufficient level. The test scores and record of our educational system is dismal and I think the system needs to provide for more accountability before we throw more money into that system. Instead of throwing more money into the system we need to try other things like vouchers that would add some competition to the system or implement cutting edge ideas like merit pay.

Q 4. What do you think the state should do to reduce carbon emissions?

The state must encourage business and individuals to reduce emissions, but the state cannot add additional taxes to require a reduction. As more consumers become environmentally friendly, many businesses will see the benefit of making their product or their business environmentally friendly as well. With "Best Practice" guidelines and "LEED" certified buildings, businesses will be able to reduce their carbon emissions on their own without additional taxes.